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In re application of: **Arnold et al.**

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For: **Apparatus and Method for Step-Stabilization of GMR-Based Read Sensors**

§ Group Art Unit: **1773**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-4545. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Deposit Account No. 19-4545.

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include by an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.